

✓ In claim 21, line 1, please delete "19 or".

✓ In claim 23, lines 2-3, please delete "any of claims 19-21" and insert therefor  
-- claim 19 --.

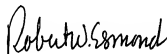
**Remarks**

No new matter has been added by the foregoing amendments. Applicant's undersigned representative has amended the international application to place the specification, sequence listing and claims into proper format for U.S. practice, to correct minor typographical errors in the specification, to insert the substitute sequence listing for the present application between the specification and the claims, and to insert the abstract for the present application between the claims and the drawings.

It is respectfully believed that this application is now in condition for examination. Early notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

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